



Turkish Delight and Noble Moments

1 Peter 4:10

Listen! My most noble moment probably happened in the fifth grade.

Two competing views about where to find fulfillment:

- **View B: Self-actualization (Abraham Maslow).** In this view the highest human need and human goal is “self-actualization” through: morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, and the acceptance of facts. (See: Maslow’s hierarchy of needs.)
- **View A: Selflessness for the sake of others (Jesus).** In this view the sacrificial service of others is far more “needed” and fulfilling than serving and improving oneself. (See: Philippians 2)

Tension: Where do we stand on this dichotomy? Where do we look for our fulfillment—for our most noble moments? Please understand the question: Where do we look for fulfillment and noble moments, not where should we look?

1 Peter 4:10 gives us an overview of Jesus’ view: “As each one has received a “grace gift” employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

- Trust Christ:
- Receive a grace/favor gift:
- Employ it in serving:
- Serving one another:
- As good stewards:
- Of the manifold grace of God:

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“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- **Today:** Please read the following passages to look for and reflect on the common thread in all of them:
 - 1 Peter 4:10, 11
 - 1 Thess 2:1-12
 - Matt 9:35-38
 - Matt 8:14-17
 - Mark 10:45
 - Acts 14:17 and 15:3, 12
- **Monday:** Please read Philippians 2:1-11 and reflect on the question, “What is the major thing I need to start today to be a more selfless and sacrificial person for the benefit of others?”
- **Tuesday:** One way of defining New Testament love is: “to continually act for the wellbeing of others.” Please reflect on the relationship style that you exercise toward each member of your family. How does your relationship style stack up against this definition?
- **Wednesday:** Have you trusted in Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins? If you have not is there anything keeping you from doing that right now?
- **Thursday:** What are the top five “noble moments” in your life when you have served another person(s) at personal cost/personal loss? How did those feel at the time and how do they feel now? Any regrets about them?
- **Friday:** What would you say that God made you good at in the spiritual realm? Specifically what did it cost Him to give you that gift(s)?
- **Saturday:** What does it mean that you have a “stewardship” of these expensive gifts that God has given to you?
- **Bonus Question:** If you are not now serving at CBC or through the ministries of CBC would you be willing to dive into one service role?